

FRANCISCO DE ASIS MONRÓS: A PERSPECTIVE

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Abstract.—A biographical sketch, bibliography, and list of proposed taxa are presented for F. A. Monrós.

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Francisco Monrós was one of the most prolific chrysomelid taxonomists of the middle 1900's. His research interests covered most of the family, they have contributed greatly to chrysomelid systematics, especially many of the smaller subfamilies. His monographs on various subfamilies for Argentina are still standard works. Little of his work has been tested by modern systematic techniques, so that his longterm impact is not known.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Francisco Monrós was born in Barcelona, Spain on 6 June 1922. He began his entomological studies at the Barcelona Museum under Francisco Español Coll. In 1938 Monrós, his parents and brother left Spain due to the Civil War and arrived in Argentina, where he began his career as an agronomy engineer with the Faculty of Agronomy of the National University of Buenos Aires.

In 1948, Monrós began his association with the Miguel Lillo Institute of the National University of Tucumán. During his tenure in Tucumán he held the following positions: Interim Director of the Entomology Institute, Technical Secretary of the Academy of Biological Sciences, Vice Dean, as well as various professorships.

In 1950 Monrós was awarded the Juana Petrocchi Award from the Argentine As-

sociation for the Progress of the Sciences for his work "Revision Sistemática de los Hispidae Argentinos." In 1952–1953 the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation awarded Monrós a scholarship to visit the principal museums in the United States. A similar scholarship was awarded in 1955–1956 by the government of France, which allowed study in the Natural History Museum of Paris, the British Museum, the Frey Museum in Munich, and other museums in Europe.

Blake (1958) and Wygodzinsky (1959) wrote obituaries which talk of Monrós as a person rather than a scientist. The picture which emerged was of a modest, self assured, quiet person with high ideals, who handled his responsibilities efficiently. He did, however, have definite scientific opinions which were expounded in the appropriate arena.

Monrós was a keen observer of natural history. He kept field notes and sketches from his field trips. His lectures were popular and interesting and were usually accompanied by his ambidextrously executed drawings.

Monrós published 67 articles, all but five on chrysomelids. His interests covered the entire family but he did not publish on the subfamily Galerucinae. Most of his works are illustrated with his own drawings. Monrós was interested in geographical variation

of species as many of his papers discuss variation in detail.

Monrós amassed a large collection through semiannual collecting trips and exchanges with other museums. His personal collection, including his types, is now held by the United States National Museum of Natural History (Blake 1961). Much Monrós material is also present in the collection of the Instituto Fundación Miguel Lillo of Tucumán University (Willink per. comm).

Monrós died on 3 May 1958. He was survived by his wife, the former María Muntañola, his daughter Silvia, and his brother Antonio.

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1943

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TAXA PROPOSED BY MONRÓS

Alticinae

- Microdonacia**
schmidti 57: 747
truganina 57: 748

Aulacoscelinae

- Aulacoscelis**
confusa 42: 336
vogti 64: 1
Janbechynea n. gen. 36: 21
(Bothroscelis) n. subgen. 42: 345
inverosimilis 42: 350
paradoxa 36: 21

Cassidinae

- Paranota** n. gen. 19: 396

Chlamisinae

- Aulacochlamys** n. gen. 34: 657
minuta 34: 663
pygidialis 34: 661
radiata 34: 662
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ultima 34: 665

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- acaly* 34: 551
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aeronauticus 34: 594
aerosus 14: 177
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bidenticola meridionalis 48: 54

Calligramma n. gen. 48: 56

Coreopsomela n. gen. 48: 55

Graphicallo n. gen. 48: 57

Oreina n. gen. 53: 1129

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